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SUBJ: CIVAIR - CAB INVESTIGATION OF AEROFLOT DISCOUNTING

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1. FAA OFFICIALS CURRENTLY IN MOSCOW AT INVITATION OF USSR MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (MCA) REPORT THAT AT FIRST SESSION OF DISCUSSIONS, HELD AUG 27, MCA FOREIGN RELATIONS CHIEF PAVLOV MADE VIGOROUS PROTEST AGAINST CAB ACTION IN ISSUING FORMAL COMPLAINT AGAINST AEROFLOT. PAVLOV REPORTEDLY ASSERTED THIS MOVE COMPLETELY OUT OF KEEPING WITH PRESENT COOPERATIVE CLIMATE BETWEEN US AND USSR, ESPECIALLY SINCE DISCOUNTING OCCURRED "SO LONG AGO." INTERESTINGLY, HE BLAMED PANAM IN GENERAL, AND ITS MOSCOW REP ERASTUS CORNING IN PARTICULAR, FOR INSTIGATING COMPLAINT ACTION. PAVLOV THEN MADE THREAT THAT CONTINUED PROSECUTION OF THIS MATTER BY CAB COULD JEOPARDIZE POSSIBILITIES FOR SOVIET PURCHASES OF AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL EQUIPMENT IN US AS WELL AS OF BOEING WIDE-BODIED JET AIRCRAFT.

2. COMMENT: WHILE FAA REPS WERE MOST IMPRESSED BY STRONG STANCE TAKEN BY PAVLOV, EMBOFFS WHO HAVE DEALT WITH
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HIM IN PAST HAVE FOUND HIM TO BE GENERALLY DISAGREEABLE AND UNPLEASANT, ESPECIALLY IN MATTERS WHERE HIS MINISTRY

AND/OR AEROFLOT FINDS ITSELF ON THE DEFENSIVE.

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